



HOLY SPIRIT
ALGESTER

Holy Spirit News

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FEATURED NEWS



MISSION PARTNER



WELCOME

Welcome! We're delighted that you have been able to join us for worship and we pray that you might find a place to belong. We'd love for you to complete one of our Welcome Cards. If you are a baptised member of any denomination, you are welcome to join us for communion. Please join us after the service for refreshments!

FROM THE VICAR

Have you ever done something you knew was wrong, but part of you wanted to do it anyway? Sometimes the appeal isn't really about what we gain, but the thrill of doing what we know we shouldn't. It's a reminder that sin runs deeper than simply making bad choices.

In Romans 7, Paul explains that God's law is good. It shows us what sin is, exposes the sin within us, and helps us recognise our need for God's grace.

Paul is honest about the struggle we all experience. We want to do what is right, yet we often find ourselves doing the very things we don't want to do. This doesn't mean we should give up or excuse our sin. Instead, it reminds us that we cannot save ourselves by simply trying harder.

Paul's cry, "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me?" leads him to the answer: "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" This week, let's be honest about our struggles, keep turning to Jesus, and rely on the Holy Spirit to change us. The good news is that we are not left to fight sin alone. God has rescued us through Jesus, and he continues to shape us into the people he calls us to be.

In Christ,
Rev'd Chris

Empowering and Transforming lives to be Disciples of Jesus

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

16 October – Mainly Music 10am

16 October – School Chaplaincy Trivia Night
7pm-9.30pm

24 October - Fashion Parade & High Tea
1.30pm

31 October – Working Bee - 7am

21 November - Barefoot Lawn Bowls
4.30pm-6.30pm

2027 BIBLE STUDY/SERMON SERIES:

If there are any themes, topics, or books in the bible you might like to look at next year in our bible studies/sermon series, please let Rev'd Christ know so he can consider these with the Rev'd David, Rev'd Scott, and Rev'd Matt, when they meet next week to plan 2027.

FASHION PARADE AND RAFFLE:

The AMUA Algester Branch will hold their annual Fashion Parade fundraiser on Saturday 24th October in the church hall. A parade of fashions from U & I Designs, worn by our own models will begin soon after 1.30 pm and be followed by a High Tea and the drawing of our raffle. You will be able to purchase items on show throughout the afternoon. The entry cost is \$15 per person payable at the door with cash or eftpos.

Our raffle tickets will cost \$1.00 each and there will be a large array of prizes including a \$100 fuel voucher, a painted tray, a Mystery Box, a chocolate basket, bottles of wine, a patchwork table runner and so on. Tickets can be purchased before the Parade from any Mothers' Union member.

Why not reserve a table or a few seats and enjoy a fun afternoon?

MAINLY MUSIC:

Our team of helpers for Mainly Music has decreased recently so we are looking for some new recruits. If you are free on a Friday morning between 9.30 and 11.30 am perhaps you would like to volunteer. You don't have to sing and dance but you can if you want to. There is plenty to do in the kitchen, or setting up for the session, or talking to the mums and children, or greeting families at the entry table, or packing up. Most people who join us seem to enjoy their Friday mornings.

If you are interested please see Jenny Bullock or write me an email at jennybullock@live.com.au

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

This month we remember the anniversary of Zuwa Shamu and Lucy Brittain.



WEEK 5

What's The Law Good For?

SUNDAY MORNING *SERMON NOTES:*

FAMILY TIME

TALK

Have you ever done something you knew was wrong, even though you knew better? Why do you think we sometimes do the things we don't want to do? Read Romans 7:15–25. What does Paul say about this struggle, and who does he thank for rescuing him?

PLAN

This week, when you find yourself making a wrong choice or struggling to do what is right, pause and ask Jesus for help. As a family, think of one way you can encourage each other to make choices that reflect God's love.

PRAY

Loving God, thank you that you know our struggles and love us even when we get things wrong. Thank you for rescuing us through Jesus. Please forgive us, help us to make good choices, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we can grow to be more like Jesus. Amen.

SENTENCE:

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isaiah 25.9

A READING FROM EXODUS, CHAPTER 32, VERSES 1-14:

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your

servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24

1 Praise the Lord;

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord: or fully voice his praise?

3 Blessed are those who act according to justice: who at all times do the right.

4 Remember me, O Lord,

when you visit your people with your favour: and come to me also with your salvation,

5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen: that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people,

and exult with those who are your own.

6 We have sinned like our ancestors:

we have acted perversely and done wrong.

20 At Horeb they made themselves a calf:

and bowed down in worship to an image.

21 And so they exchanged the glory of God: for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.

22 They forgot God who was their saviour:

that had done such great things in Egypt,

23 Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:

and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.

24 Therefore he thought to destroy them:

had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach,

to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 7, VERSES 5-25:

While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that

which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.' But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, CHAPTER 22, VERSES 1-14:

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYERS

Merciful God, you have taught us to bring our requests to you in prayer: hear our prayers for the world and for the church.

We give you thanks, O God, that you deliver your people from bondage and persecution: hear our prayers for the peoples of the world. We pray for those whose lives are made wretched by poverty or disease; for all who know little dignity, freedom or joy. Lead us in your ways of justice, that we may learn to live together in peace and share the abundance of your bounty. God of justice, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, that you bring salvation to those who have turned aside from your ways: hear our prayers for your church throughout the world. We pray for all with responsibility of leadership in your church; for our clergy and for all who share in the life of this parish. Equip us for work in your service, that we may minister faithfully to your people and tell your good news of salvation and love. God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, that you have shown your people how to live together in love: hear our prayers for all with whom our lives are bound. We pray for all in this community who are homeless or unemployed; for work colleagues, neighbours, our families and friends. Teach us to live as a community, that no one is neglected, unvalued or excluded and those in need receive care and respect. God of love, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the work of OzHarvest: rescuing food, feeding people, and caring for creation.

Bless their staff, volunteers, and partners. Strengthen them as they reduce waste, nourish the hungry, and work for a more sustainable future. Open our hearts to share generously, to live responsibly, and to honour the gift of your creation. God of mission, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, that you bring consolation, healing and hope to your people: hear our prayers for all in trouble or distress. We pray for those who are lonely or anxious and for all who grieve; for the sick and those in pain and for all who are close to death. Be present with all who suffer, that they may find release from their pain and know the comfort of your peace. God of compassion, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, that you invite us to eat at your heavenly banquet: hear our prayers for all who have died in your love. We pray for your faithful servants of every age; those of this parish who have gone before us and all whom we have loved. Clothe us in your justice, truth, compassion and love, that, when you call us to your wedding feast, we may be found ready, and, with all your saints, enter into the joy of your eternal presence. God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers taken from Let Us Pray by Janet Nelson

ROSTERS

Date	11-10-26		18-10-26	
	7.00am	9.00am	7.00am	9.00am
Worship Leader	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
Preacher	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
LA Leader	Rosemary Kake	Kathy Carter	Allan Berry	Dianne Bocquee
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Dianne Bocquee	Rosemary Kake	Lorraine Jones
Reader 1	Robert Kake	Sandra Pearn	Julie Elliker	Kathy Carter
Reader 2	Sama O'Brien	Dianne Bocquee	Robert Kake	Ian Nelson
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Dianne Bocquee	Rosemary Kake	Lorraine Jones
Chapel Prayers	-	Rhonda Nelson	-	Sandra Pearn
Morning Tea	Sharon & Hugh	Malini	Kay O'Brien	Jenny/Ruth
Music Leader	Ruth Barton	Ruth Barton	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian	Kay O'Brien	Chris/Joshua
Prayers of the people	<i>Prayers taken from Let Us Pray</i>		Ian Nelson	
Counting	Dianne & Mitch		Rhonda Nelson	
Kids Church		Kerry/Jenny		Kerry/Jenny/Niya
Baptism				

The heart of any thriving church community lies in the dedication of its volunteers who generously offer their time and skills. Currently, our church roster is in need of additional helping hands to support various essential tasks and ministries during our worship services. By joining the roster, we can continue to strengthen our church's mission and positively impact the lives of those we serve. We warmly welcome and encourage you to become an integral part of our dedicated volunteer team. Your contribution will make a significant difference to maintaining the vibrant spirit of our congregation.

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READINGS TODAY

Exodus 32.1-14
Ps 106.1-6, 20-24
Romans 7.5-25
Matthew 22.1-14

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exodus 33.12-23
Ps 99
Romans 8.1-17
Matthew 22.15-33

SERVICES

SUNDAY

7AM SERVICE

9AM SERVICE WITH KIDS CHURCH

BANKING DETAILS

Tithes and Offerings:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0000 1070

Mission Partners:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0001 5767

Please consider your capacity and commitment to give to the work of this parish, by creating a recurring transfer.

ABN: 93 894 007 519

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Anglican Church of Burundi
- The Diocese Gippsland
- The Parish of Indooroopilly
- Sudanese & South Sudanese Congregations in Anglican Church Southern Qld [ACSQ]
- EPIC Assist
- St Hilda's School, Southport

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner OZ Harvest and their ongoing work.

Our Community:

- Pray for the homeless, the lost, the lonely and those in need.

Our Parish:

- The Leadership team and each other as we follow God in our mission.

Those in need:

- Those known to us: Katherine, Noelene, Tammy, John, Karen, Kelly Carlaw, Daphne, Leonnie, Gwen, Joyce & Annette, Bev, Margaret, Carol, Neale & Janet, Glenn, John & Beth Littler, Nicole, PoiPoi Hemana Poetolu
- We pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- We pray for all who are suffering from conflict and natural disasters.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty God,
in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life
that we must walk by faith and not by sight:
give us such trust in your fatherly care
that in the face of all perplexities
we may give proof of our faith
by the courage of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offerings Jan—Aug **\$52,250.35**

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